

Listing and Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in this application.

1. (Currently amended) A conditional execution decision device for the execution of services received via a communication network, said services having predetermined life spans, said device comprising:
 - a module for receiving information associated with said services, provided to receive said information prior to the execution of said ~~associated~~ services,
 - a module for identifying, from said information received, information concerning computer programs required to execute said services associated with said information,
 - a module for checking ~~the~~ local availability of said identified computer programs,
 - and a selective decision module ~~for the execution of~~ executing said services, ~~provided to allow the execution of said services~~ if said computer programs required for said services are available locally,
 - ~~further comprising said device also comprises:~~
 - a module for acquiring computer programs, ~~capable of and~~ triggering a download of said computer programs required for said services if said computer programs are not available locally, and,
 - an automatic selective decision module ~~for acquiring~~ controlling acquisition of computer programs, ~~capable by one of~~ allowing and preventing the downloading of said computer programs ~~required for said services and not available locally, at least according to said information associated with said services.~~
2. (Currently amended) The conditional execution decision device as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~since~~ said information associated with said services includes temporal information relating to the validity of execution of said services, the selective acquisition decision module ~~is capable of~~ allowing and preventing said downloading ~~at least~~ according to said temporal information.
3. (Currently amended) The conditional execution decision device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the selective acquisition decision module ~~is designed to allow~~ allows said downloading if said downloading is ~~expected to be~~ completed before predefined instants of said services, extractable from said temporal information, and said selective acquisition decision module ~~to prevent~~ prevents said downloading otherwise.
4. (Previously presented) The conditional execution decision device as claimed in claim 3, wherein said predefined instants specify ends of validity of execution of said services.
5. (Currently amended) The conditional execution decision device as claimed in claim 3, wherein said predefined instants specify starts of validity of execution of said services.
6. (Currently amended) The conditional execution decision device as claimed in claim 3, wherein the selective acquisition decision module ~~is capable of~~ acquiring acquires downloading times of said computer programs required

and not available locally, and ~~thus of estimating~~ estimates when said downloading is expected to be completed.

7. (Currently amended) The conditional execution decision device as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~since~~ said information associated with said services includes at least one forced downloading indicator having an activated value and a deactivated value, said selective acquisition decision module ~~is designed to forcibly allow~~ forcibly allows said downloading if said forced downloading indicator has the activated value.
8. (Currently amended) The conditional execution decision device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a module for acquiring sizes of said computer programs required and not available locally and the selective acquisition decision module ~~is capable of allowing and preventing~~ allows and prevents said downloading ~~also~~ according to said sizes.
9. (Currently amended) The conditional execution decision device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the selective acquisition decision module ~~is designed to estimate~~ estimates downloading times of said computer programs required and not available locally according to said sizes and local reception capabilities for said computer programs, and ~~to allow~~ allows said downloading when said downloading allows an at least partial subsequent execution of said services.
10. (Currently amended) The conditional execution decision device as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~since~~ said services include messages of announcement of services and contents, the reception module ~~is designed to receive~~ receives said information associated with said services, in said announcement messages of services and the information identification module ~~is designed to extract~~ extracts said information from said service announcement messages.

11. (Currently amended) A conditional decision method for ~~the execution of~~ executing services having predetermined life spans and received via a communication network, ~~said received services having predetermined life spans~~, said method comprising:
~~a step for the reception of~~ receiving information associated with said services prior to the execution of said services,
~~a step for identifying, from said received information, information concerning computer programs required for the execution of said services associated with said information,~~
~~a step for checking the local availability of said identified computer programs,~~ and a selective decision step for the execution of selectively executing said services, in which ~~an~~ where execution of said services is allowed if said computer programs required for said services are available locally,
~~further comprising said method also comprises:~~
~~a step for acquiring computer programs, by downloading said computer programs required for said services if said computer programs are not available locally, and,~~
~~and a selective decision step for~~ selectively automatically acquiring computer programs, in which ~~a decision is made~~ where selection to enable or prevent the downloading of said computer programs ~~required for said services and not available locally, at least is~~ according to said information associated with said services,
~~said method being preferably designed to be implemented using a conditional execution decision device as claimed in claim 1.~~
12. (Currently amended) A device for compiling information messages associated with services, said messages being ~~intended for transmission~~ transmitted to users before execution of said associated services, said device including means ~~of~~ for incorporating in said messages information concerning computer programs required for the execution of said services, wherein said incorporation means ~~are designed to include~~ includes in said information at least one forced downloading indicator having one of an activated value and a deactivated value, said indicator ~~being designed to forcibly allow the~~ allowing downloading of said computer programs required if said indicator has the activated value;
~~said message compilation device preferably being designed to produce messages intended for a conditional execution decision device as claimed in claim 1.~~

13. (Currently amended) A method of comprising:
compiling information messages associated with services₋₁;
transmitting said messages ~~being intended for transmission to users~~
before execution of said associated services₋₁; ~~said method including a step~~
~~for~~
incorporating in said messages, information concerning computer
programs required for the execution of executing said services₋₁;
~~wherein on said incorporation step,~~
including in said information at least one forced downloading indicator
having one of an activated value and a deactivated value ~~is included in said~~
~~information, said indicator being intended to forcibly allow the~~;
forcing downloading of said computer programs required if when said
indicator has the said activated value,
~~said message compilation method being preferably implemented using a~~
~~message compilation device as claimed in claim 12.~~
14. (Currently amended) A medium having recorded thereon a computer program
~~product comprising program code instructions for the execution of the steps~~
~~of the executing a method as claimed in claim 11 when said program is run~~
~~on a computer, said method comprising:~~
receiving information associated with services having predetermined
life spans prior to the execution of said services,
identifying, from said received information, information concerning
computer programs required for the execution of said services associated
with said information,
checking local availability of said identified computer programs,
selectively executing said services, where execution is allowed if said
computer programs required for said services are available locally,
downloading said computer programs required for said services if said
computer programs are not available locally, and,
selectively acquiring computer programs, where selection to enable or
prevent downloading of said computer programs is according to said
information associated with said services.
15. (Currently amended) A control information message containing information
intended to be utilized automatically by at least one receiver and associated
with at least one service, said message being ~~designed to be transmitted to~~
said receiver before an execution of said service, and including information
concerning at least one computer program required for the execution of said
service, wherein said information includes at least one forced downloading
indicator having one of an activated value and a deactivated value, said
indicator ~~being intended to forcibly allow~~ forcing the downloading of said
computer program required if said indicator has the activated value,
~~said control information message being preferably intended to be produced~~
~~by a message compilation device as claimed in claim 12.~~
16. (Currently amended) The conditional execution decision device of claim 1,
~~wherein said A decoder, further comprising a conditional execution decision~~
~~device as claimed in claim 1~~ forms part of a decoder.